

District Judge James L. Robart

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

PADMAJA BOYANAPALLI, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.
ANTONY J. BLINKEN, *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 2:23-cv-1259-JLR

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND
~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER

Noted for Consideration on:
December 27, 2023

Plaintiffs and Defendants, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to stay these proceedings for an additional 30 days. Plaintiffs bring this litigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) seeking, *inter alia*, (1) to compel the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) and the State Department to adjudicate their § 1154(l) request and complete processing their immigrant visa applications; and (2) to compel Defendants to produce all responsive documents to Plaintiffs’ FOIA requests. For good cause, the parties request that the Court hold this case in abeyance until January 29, 2024.

Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706 (1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ. P. 1.

1 With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial
 2 intervention. The upcoming Visa Bulletin for January 2024 shows that Plaintiffs' priority dates
 3 will be earlier than the final action date as of January 1, 2024. This means that Plaintiffs' case is
 4 current, and they may be eligible for visa issuance. The State Department has provided Plaintiffs
 5 with instructions on how to schedule their interviews at the U.S. Consulate General in Mumbai,
 6 India. It is anticipated that these interviews will be scheduled in January. Plaintiffs may renew
 7 their applications for their immigrant visas during their consular interviews. If the consular officer
 8 issues visas to Plaintiffs, the parties agree that this case will be dismissed.

9 Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that the instant action continue to be stayed
 10 until January 29, 2024. The parties will submit a joint status report on or before January 29, 2024.

11 Dated: December 27, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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20 ***I certify that this memorandum contains***
 21 ***335 words, in compliance with the Local***
 22 ***Civil Rules.***

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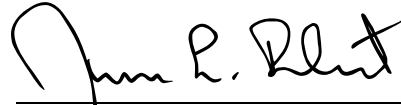
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The case is held in abeyance until January 29, 2024. The parties shall submit a joint status report on or before January 29, 2024. It is so **ORDERED**.

DATED this 27th day of December, 2023.



JAMES L. ROBART
United States District Judge